REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-7 and 9-16 are pending in the present application of which claims 1 and 9 are independent. Applicant hereby amends claims 1-6, 9, and 11-14. Claim 8 is canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. The amendment to claim 1 includes incorporating the subject matter previously recited in claim 8.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

In section 8 on pages 3-9, the Office Action rejects claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,546,393 to Khan in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,974,237 to Shurmer et al. ("Shurmer"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 1 recites "accessing the stored bookmark list when the operator logs onto the application, the stored bookmark list uniquely associated with the operator" (emphasis added). This subject matter relates to storing a bookmark list for each operator of a network management tool. See, e.g., Section [0014]. Thus, in various exemplary embodiments, when an operator logs onto the network management system, the network management tool retrieves the stored bookmark list uniquely associated with that operator. Id.

Applicant respectfully submits that Khan does not disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed subject matter quoted above. In the final paragraph on page 9, in connection with claim 8, the Office Action alleges that Khan discloses this subject matter in Column 12, lines 6-12, and Column 19, lines 25-34. Applicant respectfully submits that the Office Action has mischaracterized these portions of Khan.

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The first cited portion of Khan describes automatic categorization of links. See col. 12, ln. 6-12. As described in Khan, "all unique links in [the user's bookmark] set that do not already exist in the directory are then considered for addition under categories determined by the staff." Id. Thus, the system of Khan merely verifies that a link is unique prior to adding it to one of the categories determined by the staff. The automatic categorization feature of Khan does not retrieve a bookmark list uniquely associated with an operator when the operator logs onto an application.

The second cited portion of Khan describes the process for importing links from an internet browser. See col. 19, ln. 25-34. As described in Khan, the user may save his or her bookmark file in a specified directory. Id. However, this section of Khan does not disclose, teach, or suggest that the system retrieves a bookmark list uniquely associated with an operator when the operator logs onto an application.

Applicant respectfully submits that Shurmer also does not disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed subject matter quoted above. Shurmer relates to monitoring a communications network and contains no disclosure relevant to the implementation of a system for bookmark storage and retrieval.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Khan and Shurmer fail to disclose, teach, or suggest "accessing the stored bookmark list when the operator logs onto the application, the stored bookmark list uniquely associated with the operator," as recited in claim 1. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-7 are allowable based at least on their dependence from claim 1.

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Claim 9 recites "instructions for displaying the stored bookmark list in the graphical user-interface as a drop down menu, the instructions for displaying the stored bookmark list initiated when the operator selects a bookmarks submenu contained within a menu in the graphical user interface" (emphasis added). This subject matter relates to placing a bookmark menu within a menu in the menu bar of an application. Thus, in various exemplary embodiments, the operator selects a drop down Bookmarks submenu from within the View menu of the menu bar. See, e.g., Section [0011]. In this manner, the network management tool may incorporate the bookmarks feature without significant modifications to the graphical user interface familiar to operators of the management tool.

Applicant respectfully submits that Khan does not disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed subject matter quoted above. As illustrated in Figures 9 and 13 of Khan, the system of Khan allows a user to add bookmarks remotely using either a "Favorites" menu or a "Favorites" button on the toolbar. Thus, the system of Khan does not display provide access to the bookmark list via a bookmarks submenu. In addition, the system of Khan does not display the stored bookmark list in a drop down menu. Instead, the system of Khan displays an "Add" button in a drop down menu; to access the entire bookmark list, the user must visit the online bookmark page. See, e.g., Figure 6.

Applicant respectfully submits that Shurmer also does not disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed subject matter quoted above. Shurmer relates to monitoring a communications network and contains no disclosure relevant to the implementation of a system for bookmark storage and retrieval.

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Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Khan and Shurmer fail to disclose, teach, or suggest "instructions for displaying the stored bookmark list in the graphical user interface as a drop down menu, the instructions for displaying the stored bookmark list initiated when the operator selects a bookmarks submenu contained within a menu in the graphical user interface," as recited in claim 9. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 10-16 are allowable based at least on their dependence from claim 9.

For at least the forgoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections of record and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.
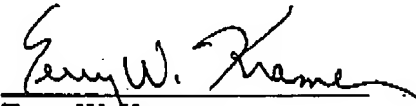
While we believe that the instant Request places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

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